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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/113,071	Applicant(s) Silverbrook et al.
	Examiner PETER KIM	Group Art Unit 2851

Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 22, 2000

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

Abstract should be a single paragraph and terms such as "said" should not be used.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Steinberg et al. (Steinberg) in view of Stephenson.

Steinberg discloses in Figure 1 and column 1, line 58 through column 4, line 62, a portable camera (ref. 10) for capturing a digital image and an integral programming language interpreter means for manipulation of the digital image and a script input means (ref. 18) for inputting a programming script on a card (ref. 22) wherein the script is executed to modify the image.

However, Steinberg does not disclose a digital camera with an integral printer. Stephenson discloses in Figure 3, a digital camera with an integral printer. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an

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integral printer to the digital camera of Steinberg in view of Stephenson in order to instantly print the captured and modified digital image.

4. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murase et al. (Murase) in view of Stephenson.

Murase discloses in Figures 1A-1C and column 3, line 50 through column 4, line 45, a portable camera (ref. 1) for capturing a digital image and an integral programming language interpreter means for manipulation of the digital image and a script input means (ref. 8) for inputting a programming script on a card (ref. 9) wherein the script is executed to modify the image. Murase also disclose that the disc with the programming language is similar to musical or audio minidisk which does have encoded information on one side and picture or description on the other side. However, Murase does not disclose a digital camera with an integral printer. Stephenson discloses in Figure 3, a digital camera with an integral printer. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an integral printer to the digital camera of Murase in view of Stephenson in order to instantly print the captured and modified digital image.

5. Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinberg et al. (Steinberg) in view of Finelli et al. (Finelli).

Steinberg discloses in Figure 1 and column 1, line 58 through column 4, line 62, a portable camera (ref. 10) for capturing a digital image and an integral programming language interpreter means for manipulation of the digital image and a script input means (ref. 18) for inputting a

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programming script on a card (ref. 22) wherein the script is executed to modify the image. However, Steinberg does not disclose a digital camera with an integral printer. Finelli discloses a digital camera with a detachable printer which is made integral to the camera. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an integral printer to the digital camera of Steinberg in view of Finelli in order to instantly print the captured and modified digital image.

6. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murase et al. (Murase) in view of Finelli et al. (Finelli).

Murase discloses in Figures 1A-1C and column 3, line 50 through column 4, line 45, a portable camera (ref. 1) for capturing a digital image and an integral programming language interpreter means for manipulation of the digital image and a script input means (ref. 8) for inputting a programming script on a card (ref. 9) wherein the script is executed to modify the image. Murase also disclose that the disc with the programming language is similar to musical or audio minidisk which does have encoded information on one side and picture or description on the other side. However, Murase does not disclose a digital camera with an integral printer. Finelli discloses a digital camera with a detachable printer which is made integral to the camera. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an integral printer to the digital camera of Murase in view of Finelli in order to instantly print the captured and modified digital image.

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7. Applicant argues that amending Claim 1 to input a “self documenting” program script would overcome the rejection. However, the term, “self documenting” includes not only printing the image with the printer integral to the camera, but storing the image in the memory or a disc to “self document” the image. Applicant also argues that Steinberg et al. and Murase et al. do not disclose integral printer with the camera. However, Stephenson discloses a digital camera with an integral printer. Finelli et al. also discloses a camera with a detachable printer that can be made integral to the camera. Since it has been held that forming in one piece an article which has formerly been formed in two pieces and put together involves only routing skill in the art, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the inventions of Steinberg et al. and Murase et al. with the integral printer in view of Finelli et al. or Stephenson.

Conclusion

8. All claims are rejected.

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-0105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams, can be reached on (703) 308-2847. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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